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Yellow fever in Para, Brazil.

I am in receipt of a personal letter from Manaos, under date of the 17th ultimo, stating that when the writer was in Para, about one week previously, there was great excitement and fear of a bad epidemic of yellow fever there. As an example, he writes as follows:

The Italian Opera Company, now giving performances in this city [Para] is reported to be panic stricken at their losses from yellow fever. There have been 4 deaths, the latest victim being the wife of the leading tenor of the company. Instead of going on to Manaos, as was the original schedule, the company will probably disband here, most of them returning to Europe and some going on to Rio for the opera season there.

Statistics from Ceara, State of Ceara, Brazil.

During the month of June, 1905, there were in this city, the capital of the State of the same name, 119 deaths, 51 males and 63 small children. No causes of deaths are given in the report.

Deaths in Uberaba, State of Minas Geraes, Brazil.

During the three months ended June 30, 1905, there were in Uberaba, State of Minas Geraes, the great mining State of Brazil, 88 deaths. No causes are given in the report.

Variola epidemic in Chile.

There has been a very severe outbreak of smallpox in Santiago during the last month. It can hardly be said to be anything new, however, and is but a severe recrudescence or exaggeration of a disease always existent there, due doubtless to the very severe cold weather which has been prevailing in all southern South America for that period. A dispatch of the 8th instant states that on that date there had been 104 new cases; that is, 104 notifications of new cases had been made to the health department, and that on that date 53 deaths had occurred from this cause.

The total of all cases verified to that date since the beginning of the outbreak is 2,500 or over.

A dispatch of the 12th instant from Santiago, states that in order to provide accommodation for the sick in Antofagasta, Chile, a church had been appropriated. This dispatch, however, I imagine refers to bubonic plague, although as variola is also prevalent in Antofagasta, it may refer to this disease.

A dispatch from Santiago, of the 15th instant, states that the day previously 38 persons died from variola, and that 78 notifications of new cases had been received at the health department.

A dispatch of the 11th instant, from Santiago, states that all the public schools in Antofagasta, Coquimbo, and Valparaiso, where the epidemic of variola is spreading with great rapidity, would be closed.

On the previous day, the 10th instant, there were, in Valparaiso, 90 reported cases of smallpox, of which number 34 proved fatal. The health department had removed in that city, on that date, 35 corpses of persons dying from variola, which had been abandoned by their families after death.